



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Federal Student Aid

Subject: FEBI Has a New Name

Summary: Federal Student Aid is announcing a new name for the Front-End Business Integration (FEBI) initiative.

Dear Partner:

Last month, Federal Student Aid awarded the FEBI contract to Pearson Government Solutions and began the next phase of Federal Student Aid's system integration efforts. This project creates a fully integrated aid application, Pell Grant and Direct Loan origination, and disbursement system. It consolidates and streamlines common front -end student aid functions and offers an end-to-end, online view of financial aid information for customer service representatives, schools and students.

Last week at the 2005 Spring Conference, Terri Shaw, Federal Student Aid's Chief Operating Officer, announced a new name for this project, **ADvance**. This name was chosen to reflect the significance of this critical project on the future of student aid delivery. Specifically, this solution **advances** your ability to educate more students. It **advances** our collective mission by providing more aid to more students more accurately and efficiently than ever before. Most importantly, it helps America's students **advance** by providing the assistance they need to pursue their education dreams, and advancing their personal goals and professional careers. Of course, the capital 'A' and 'D' in **ADvance** stand for Aid Delivery.

If you would like additional information on **ADvance**, I encourage you to visit the new **ADvance** site at www.advance.ed.gov for project details and updates. Alternatively, if you have questions or comments on the **ADvance** initiative, please feel free to email members of the team at askadvance@ed.gov.

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